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	Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT, or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
	Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
	because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
	including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No.
	including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.
	including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
	Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.
	☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
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	Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
	Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: the procedure

claimed, including the steps of automatically determining an optimal wash sequence and

controlling the wash device for each selected cylinder based on the operating parameters as

argued by applicant is not rendered obvious by any proper combination of the prior art known to

the Examiner.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2869. The

examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by

telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hilten, can be reached on (703) 308-

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